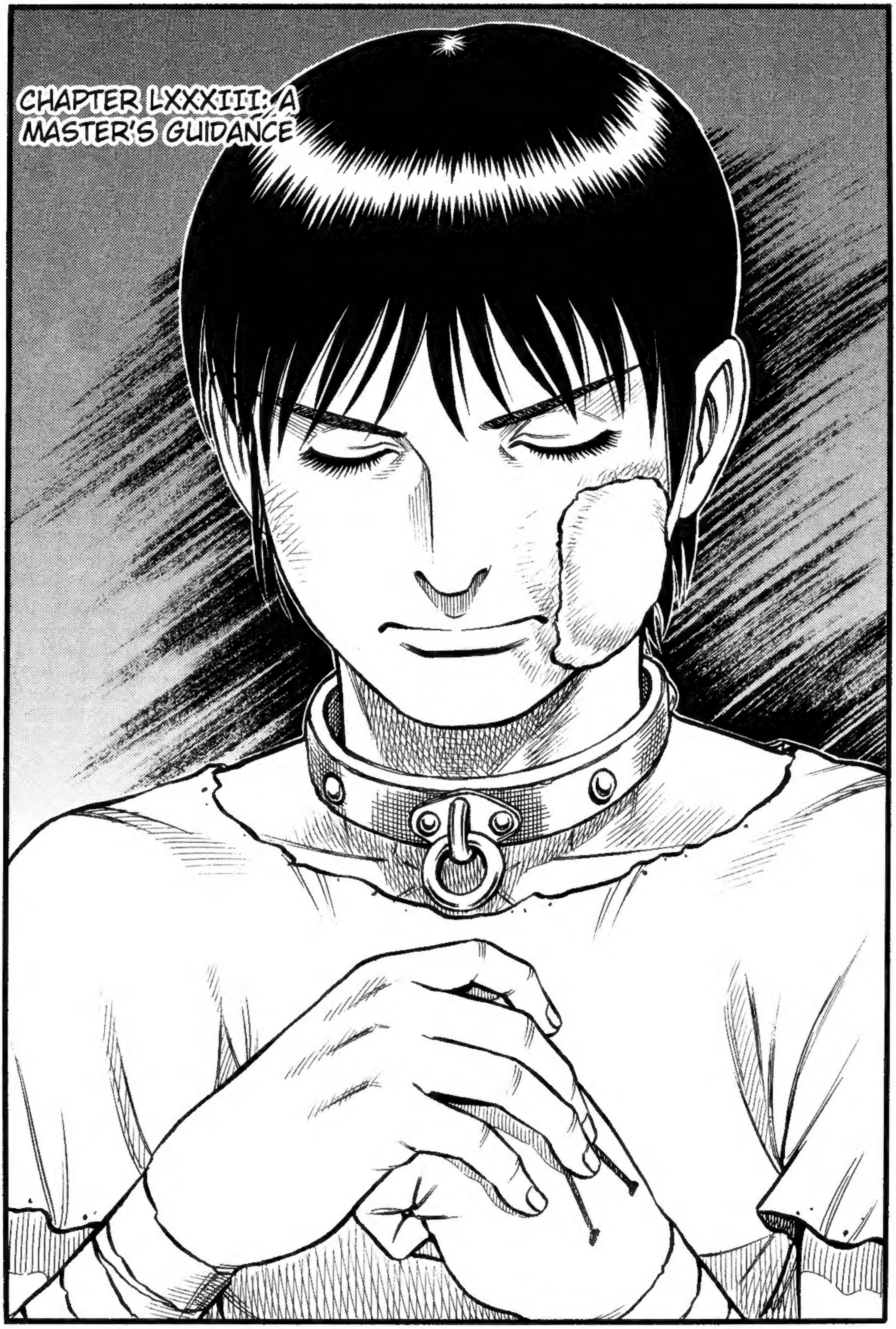
CHAPTER LXXXIII: A MASTER'S GUIDANCE



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HAD YOU NOT TAKEN THAT SURPRISE ATTACK... YOU WOULDN'T HAVE STRUGGLED SO HARD.

YOU SHOULD'VE FOUGHT AS YOU DID IN THE LATTER HALF FROM THE START!

YOU'VE BEEN IN MANY NEEDLESS FIGHTS NOW.

HE'S FINDING MORE FAULTS THAN I EXPECTED...

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ENGRAVE THESE POINTS INTO YOUR HEART.

THAT'S ALL I'LL SAY.

YOU'D DO WELL TO COOL YOUR HEAD...

DON'T GET CARRIED AWAY BY THAT IRRES-PONSIBLE LOT!

YOU DAMN FOOL!

EVERYONE ELSE WAS REAL IMPRESSED, THE BOSS...

YOU SHOULD BE HAPPY MASTER.

DIDN'T HE WIN IN THE END THOUGH?

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CAN'T YOU SEE HOW TERRIFYING THAT LACK OF WORRY IS?

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YOU CANNOT REPLACE A HEALTHY BODY! IT'S YOUR GREATEST ASSET!

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JUST LOOK AT MONSON!

THAT'S THE REALITY BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE AUDIENCES LOVE OF BRAWLS.

APPLAUSE IS NOTHING MORE THAN TEMPORARY ACCLAIM!

WILL THE SPECTATORS BE THE ONES TO HEAL AN INJURED SLAVE BOXER AFTER THE MATCH?

NEVER THINK SO LIGHTLY OF THINGS AGAIN.

MONSON...

HOW CAN IT BE CALLED A SUCCESS, IF COME THE DAY YOU GAIN YOUR FREEDOM...

IT IS NOT ENOUGH SIMPLY TO WIN AND SURVIVE.

YOUR BODIES ARE IMPAIRED?

USSSS TOO?!

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I WANT THREE LAPS, FULL PELT.

DEEEEH?!

IT SEEMS YOU'RE STILL QUITE NAIVE.

UUUH... SHUT IT. JUST FOLLOW ME.

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TRUST US TO GET DRAGGED IN TOO.

HAAAH... WHY ME...

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NO SNIVELLING!

RUN!

YES SIR!

YES?

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TRUTH BE TOLD... I'M UNEASY ABOUT WHAT'S TO COME.

IN FACT I'M GREATLY TROUBLED.

TO THINK HE WAS SO WORRIED...

JUST HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE ME...?!

I...

I'M SORRY...

I KNOW IT'S THE BOSS' ORDERS...

BUT I DON'T FEEL LIKE GOING ALONG WITH ANYONE.

WE NEED TO TREAT YOUR FACE FIRST AND GET THOSE LOOKS OF YOURS BACK.

ENOUGH, YOU'RE NOT A MONKEY. COME DOWN.

I ASKED, AND IT SEEMS YOUR OPPONENT'S ALREADY HAVING MATCHES WITH ADULTS.

HE'S JUST A TAD AHEAD OF YOU.

ANYONE WOULD BE TAKEN ABACK.

GET LOST.

I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL.

TO GO FROM OVERWHELMING DOMINANCE, TO BEING TORN APART.

HE WAS PRETTY MUCH DEAD AFTER THAT, YET HE STILL AVOIDED THEM...

ONLY MY FIRST BLOW HAD ANY SORT OF IMPACT...

EVEN WHEN FIGHTING...

I ONLY GOT A SINGLE BLOW...

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DAMN IT.

HOW COULD I LOSE IN A ONE ON ONE BATTLE...

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STILL, IT WAS JUST A TEST.

YOU COULD'VE TRIED TO STRADDLE HIM, AND THEN BEAT HIM UP.

MM, THOUGH IN A FIGHT LIKE THAT...

I'D NEVER LOST IN A ONE ON ONE.

THAT'S WHAT...

THAT'S WHAT SUPPORTED ME.

TILL NOW NO MATTER HOW MUCH I WAS ATTACKED...

NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I WAS GANGED UP ON...

MY OPPONENT WAS NEVER ALONE.

WH... WHAT DO YOU MEAN...?!

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NO.

BUT THAT'S BECAUSE HE DOESN'T FIGHT ALONE.

DO YOU THINK YOU'D HAVE LOST IF IT'D REALLY BEEN THAT BOY ON HIS OWN?

NOT AT ALL.

IT WASN'T A ONE ON ONE.

I...

YOU'RE SAYING THAT'S WHY I LOST?!

ALL STRONG FIGHTERS HAVE AN IMPRESSIVE COACH BEHIND THEM.

TO TRAIN THEM DAILY, TO IMPART TACTICS, TO ACCOMPANY THEM, SHADOW-LIKE, TO THE ARENA...

BEYOND THEMSELVES, THEY NEED A TEACHER WHO KNOWS FIGHTERS.

SO TO SPEAK THEY'RE...

A FOSTER PARENT, TWO HEARTS IN ONE.

FIGHTERS CAN'T MATURE WHILE THEY FIGHT ALONE.

TO SAY IT CLEARLY, SIMPLY AS A "GENIUS", YOU'RE HIS SUPERIOR.

YES. IF YOU THINK LIKE THAT THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT.

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WELL, TWO BLACK FIGHTERS SHOULD GET ON WELL EH ZORA!

YOU CAN HELP ME GET STRONGER?

YOU MEAN TO SAY...

QUIT SCREWING AROUND.

BUT IT'D BE BETTER SUPPORT THAN YOU BY YOURSELF.

HEHE... WELL NOW.

IT MIGHT JUST BE A LITTLE...

ENTRUSTING THEMSELVES ENTIRELY TO THE DIE OF THE GOD OF DEATH...

UNTIL DEATH, THEY WOULD CARRY ON WITH SIMPLE, MENIAL LABOUR.

AFTER RESALE, THEIR EVENTUAL DESTINATION WOULD LIKELY BE SALT OR ORE MINES.

THOSE WHO HAD FAILED THE SELECTION BATTLES WERE DEPARTING.

IF THEY WERE BLESSED WITH GOOD FORTUNE, OR ELSE...

SO LONG, BOSS!

HE TURNED IT DOWN.

HEH.

WEREN'T YOU HAVING MONSON STAY ON AS AN INSTRUCTOR?

BOSS.

SO LONG MONSON!

I'LL NEVER FORGET...

THE WAY YOU FOUGHT...